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*In re* patent application of

Heinrich HEIDTMANN et al.

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For: NUCLEIC ACID CONSTRUCT FOR EXPRESSING ACTIVE  
SUBSTANCES WHICH CAN BE ACTIVATED BY PROTEASES AND  
PREPARATION AND USE

**Supplemental Amendment and Request for Reconsideration**  
**under 37 CFR §1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants herein further respond to the Final Office Action mailed May 7, 2002 (Paper No. 24). Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal on November 6, 2002, accordingly, with this Amendment, Applicants petition for a four-month extension of time, and provide the requisite fee herewith. Please debit any underpayments, or credit any overpayments, to firm deposit account no. 08-1641. Please amend the application as follows:

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